

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in this application. Claims 2 and 11 have been canceled. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3, and 4. Claims 5-10 were rejected in the outstanding Official Action.

Claims 5-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. More specifically, the Official Action found the language of claims 5 and 6 to be indefinite.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, applicants have amended claims 5-7 to address the formal objections raised in the Official Action. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objections have been obviated.

As claim 5 is the independent base claim for dependent claims 7-10 and no other rejections stand for claims 7-10, applicants believe that these claims are also allowable.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, applicants believe that this application now is in condition for allowance.

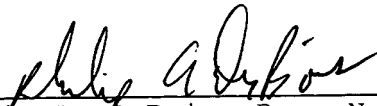
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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